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Draft report

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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation

(*Item 3 (c)*)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fifth session on the evaluation of linkages between Headquarters and field activities: a review of best practices for poverty eradication in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 10 June 2008, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its forty-fifth session on the evaluation of linkages between Headquarters and field activities: a review of best practices for poverty eradication in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (E/AC.51/2008/4).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report and the Director of the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (see E/AC.51/2008/4/Add.1). The representative of the Chief Executives Board responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

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Discussion

3. Delegations welcomed the report and expressed their overall approval of its conclusions. Support was expressed for the need to enhance inter-agency interaction and coordination.

4. Questions were raised regarding why the recommendation of OIOS on the establishment of a working group to consider the roles of the inter-agency coordination bodies had not been carried out, and why the OIOS recommendation on incorporating coordination and collaboration into performance appraisal systems in departments of the Secretariat had not been implemented. The representative of the CEB secretariat responded, noting that pursuant to the recent review of the functions and structure of the Board, including its relationships with other inter-agency coordination bodies, and the subsequent decision to integrate the United Nations Development Group into its inter-agency framework in order to enhance normative and operational links within the system, it had been determined that there was no further need for an additional working group. Regarding performance appraisal systems, he noted that, owing to the diverse nature of work conducted by Departments of the Secretariat, the task of standardizing performance appraisal was not an easy one. However, the Human Resources Network of the High-level Committee on Management had put this item in its agenda for future sessions, and it was hoped that the issue would be addressed within the context of the Plan of Action for the Harmonization of Business Practices in the United Nations system (CEB/2008/HLCM/11).

Conclusions and recommendations

5. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to continue his efforts to ensure enhanced collaboration among inter-agency coordinating bodies, in respect of poverty eradication within the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] in the light of the results already achieved by the Board.**

6. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to continue implementing the remaining recommendations.**

[1] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.